# INSTRUCTIONS

TO A

CELEBRATED LAUREAT;

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THE PROGRESS OF CURIOSITY;

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A BIRTH-DAY ODE;

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Mr. WHITBREAD'S BREWHOUSE.

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From House of Buckingham, in grand Parade, To Whitbread's Brewhouse mov'd the Cavalcade!

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# INSTRUCTIONS, &c.

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To M, soon as e'er thou strik'st thy golden lyre,

Thy brother Peter's muse is all on fire,

To sing of Kings and Queens, and such rare folk:

Yet, midst thy heap of compliments so fine,

Say, may we venture to believe a line?

You Oxford wits most dearly love a joke!

Son

Son of the Nine, thou writest well on nought—
Thy thund'ring stanza, and its pompous thought,
I think must put a dog into a laugh:
EDWARD and HARRY were much braver men
Than this new christen'd hero of thy pen;
Yes, laurell'd ODEMAN, braver far, by half.

Tho' on Blackheath, and Wimbledon's wide plain,
GEORGE keeps his hat off in a show'r of rain;
Sees swords and bayonets without a dread,
Nor at a volley winks, nor ducks his head.

Altho' at grand reviews he seems so blest,

And leaves at six o'clock his downy nest,

Dead to the charms of blanket, wise, or bolsters;

Unlike his officers, who, fond of cramming,

And at reviews asraid of thirst and famine,

With bread and cheese and brandy fill their holsters.

Sure, Tom, we should do justice to Queen Bess. His present Majesty, whom heav'n long bless With wisdom, wit, and arts of choicest quality, Will never get, I fear, so fine a niche As that old queen, tho' often call'd old b--ch, In Fame's colossal house of immortality.

As for John Dryden's Charles—that King
Indeed was never any mighty thing—
He merited few honours from the pen--And yet he was a dev'lish hearty fellow,
Enjoy'd his girl and bottle---and got mellow--And mind---kept company with GENTLEMEN!

For, like some kings, in hobby grooms,

Knights of the manger, curry-combs, and brooms,

Lost to all glory, Charles did not delight--
Nor jok'd by day with pages, servant maids,

Large, red poll'd, blowzy, hard two-handed jades:

Indeed I know not what Charles did by night.

Reader ..

Reader, I am of Candour a great lover;
In short, I'm Candour's self all over;
Sweet as a candied cake from top to toe,
Make it a rule that Virtue shall be prais'd,
And humble Merit from her bum be rais'd:
What thinkest thou of Peter now?

Thou crieft "Oh! how false! behold thy King,
"Of whom thou scarcely say'st a handsome thing;
"That King hath virtues that should make thee stare."
Is it so?---then the sin's in me--'Tis my vile optics that can't see--Then pray for them when next thou say'st a pray'r.

But p'rhaps, aloft on his imperial throne, So distant, O ye gods! from ev'ry one, The royal virtues are, like many a star,\* From this our pigmy system rather far;

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<sup>\*</sup> Such was the sublime opinion of the Dutch astronomer Huygens.

Whose light, tho' flying ever since creation, Hath not yet pitch'd upon our nation.

Then may the royal ray be soon explor'd—
And, Thomas, if thou'lt swear thou art not humming,
I'll take my spying-glass, and bring thee word
The instant I behold it coming.

But Thomas Warton, without joking,

Art thou, or art thou not, thy Sov'reign smoking?

How can'st thou seriously declare

That George the Third

With Cressy's Edward can compare,

Or Harry?—'tis too bad upon my word.

George is a clever King, I needs must own,

And cuts a jolly figure on the throne.

Now thou exclaimst "G-d rot it, Peter, pray, What to the devil shall I sing or say?"

I'll tell thee what to fay, O tuneful Tom—
Sing how a monarch, when his fon was dying,
His gracious eyes and ears was edifying,
By Abbey company, and kettle-drum:
Leaving that fon to death and the physician,
Between two fires—a forlorn-hope condition;
Two poachers, who make man their game,
And, special marksmen! seldom miss their aim.

Say tho' the Monarch did not fee his fon,

He kept aloof through fatherly affection—

Determin'd nothing should be done

To bring on useless tears and dismal recollection.

For what can tears avail, and piteous sighs?

Death heeds not howls nor dripping eyes:

And what are sighs and tears but wind and water,

That show the leakiness of seeble nature!

Reader, thou'lt with my fimile not quarrel:

Like air and any fort of drink,

Whizzing and oozing through each chink,

That prove the weakness of the barrel.

Say—for the Prince, when wet was ev'ry eye,

And thousands pour'd to heav'n the pitying figh

Devout;

Say how a King, unable to diffemble,

Order'd the Siddons to his house, and Kemble,

To spout!

Gave them ice creams and wines, so dear—
Who ne'er could get till then a thimblefull of beer!
For which they've thank'd the author of this metre—
Videlicet, the moral mender Peter,
Who in his Ode on Ode did dare exclaim,
And call such royal avarice a shame.

Say—but I'll teach thee how to say an ode;
Thus shall thy labours visit Fame's abode
In company with my immortal lay—
And look, Tom—thus I fire away—

## BIRTH-DAY ODE.

This day, this very day gave birth

Not to the brightest monarch upon earth,

Because there are some brighter, and as big—

Who love the arts that man exalt to heav'n—

George loves them likewise when they're giv'n

To sour-legg'd gentry, christen'd dog and pig,\*

Whose acts in this our unenlighten'd nation

Have much improv'd the British education.

Full

<sup>\*</sup> The dancing dogs and wife pig have formed a confiderable part of the royall amusement.

Full of the art of brewing beer,

The Monarch heard of Mr. WHITBREAD's fame.

Quoth he one day unto the Queen, "My dear,

"Whitbread hath got a marvellous great name;

"Shame, shame, we have not yet his brewhouse seen;"

Thus said the King unto the Queen.

Red hot with novelty's delightful rage,

To Mr. Whitbread forth he fent a page,

To fay that Majesty propos'd to view,

With thirst of knowledge deep inflam'd,

His vats, and tubs, and hops, and hogsheads fam'd,

And learn the noble fecret how to brew.

Of fuch unthought-of honour proud,
Most lowly Mr. WHITBREAD bow'd;
So humbly, so the humble story goes,
He touch'd ev'n terra firma with his nose;

Then

Then said unto the page, bight Billy Ramus,

Happy are we that our great King should name us

As worthy unto Majesty to shew

How very dext'rously we brew.

Away fprung Billy Ramus quick as thought;

To Majesty the welcome tidings brought:

Then told how Whitbread star'd like any stake,
And trembled—then the civil things he said—

On which the king did smile and nod his head;

For Monarchs love to see their subjects quake:
Such horrors unto Kings most pleasant are,

Proclaiming rev'rence and humility—

High thoughts too all those shaking sits declare

Of kingly grandeur and great capability!

People of worship, wealth, and birth,

Look on the humbler sons of earth,

Indeed in a most humble light, God knows!

High stations are like Dover's tow'ring cliffs,

Where ships below appear like little skiffs,

The people walking on the strand, like crows.

Muse, fing the stir that Mr. Whitbread made;

Poor gentleman, most terribly asraid

He should not charm enough his guests divine:

His maids had all new aprons, gowns, and smocks;

And lo! two hundred pounds were spent in frocks

To make th' apprentices and draymen fine:

Bufy as horses in a field of clover,

Dogs, cats, and chairs and stools were tumbled over

Amidst the Whitbread-rout of preparation

To treat the losty Ruler of the nation.

Now mov'd King, Queen, and Princesses, fo grand, To visit the first brewer in the land—
Who sometimes drank his beer and munch'd his meat
In a snug corner christen'd Chiswell Street.

Lord Aylesbury, and Denbigh's Lord also,

His Grace the Duke of Montague likewise,

With Lady Harcourt join'd the raree-show,

And fix'd all Smithfield's marv'ling eyes—

For lo! a greater show ne'er grac'd those quarters

Since Mary roasted, just like crabs, the martyrs.

Arriv'd, the King broad grinn'd and gave a nod To Mr. Whitbread, who, had God Come with his angels to behold his beer, With more respect he never could have met—Indeed the man was in a sweat,

So much the Brewer did the King revere.

Her

Her Majesty contriv'd to make a dip--Light as a feather then the King did skip,
And ask'd a thousand questions, with a laugh,
Before poor Whitbread well could answer half.

Reader! my Ode should have a simile—
Well! in Jamaica, on a tam'rind tree,
Five hundred parrots, gabbling just like Jews,
I saw--such noise the feather'd imps did make
As made my pericranium ake—
Asking and telling parrot news:

Thus was the brewhouse fill'd with gabbling noise,
Whilst draymen and the brewer's boys
Did eat the questions which the King did ask:
In diff'rent parties were they staring seen,
Wond'ring to think they saw a King and Queen;
Behind a tub were some, and some behind a cask.

Some draymen forc'd themselves, (a pretty luncheon)
Into the mouths of many a gaping puncheon,
And through the bung-hole wink'd with curious eye,
To view, and be assur'd what fort of things
Were Princesses, and Queens, and Kings;
For whose most lofty stations thousands sigh!
And lo! of all the gaping puncheon clan,
Few were the mouths that had not got a man!

Now Majesty into a pump so deep

Did with an opera glass of Dolland peep,

Examining with care each wond'rous matter

That brought up water—

Thus have I feen a magpie in the street, A chatt'ring bird we often meet; A bird, for curiofity well known,

With head awry

And cunning eye

Peep knowingly into a marrow-bone.

And now his curious M----y did stoop

To count the nails on ev'ry hoop:

And lo! no single thing came in his way

That, full of deep research, he did not say,

"What's this? hæ, hæ? what's that? what's this? what's that?

So quick the words too, when he deign'd to speak,

As if each syllable would break its neck.

Thus, to the world of great whilst others crawl,

Our Sovereign peeps into the world of small;

Thus microscopic geniuses explore

Things that too oft provoke the public scorn,

Yet swell of useful knowledges the store,

By finding systems in a pepper-corn.

Now Mr. Whitbread, ferious, did declare,
To make the Majesty of England stare,
That he had butts enough, he knew,
Plac'd side by side, would reach along to Kew:

On which the King with wonder swiftly cry'd,
"What? if they reach to Kew then, side by side,
"What would they do plac'd end to end?"
To whom, with knitted calculating brow,
The Man of Beer most solemnly did vow,
Almost to Windsor that they would extend;
On which the King, with wond'ring mien,
Repeated it unto the wond'ring Queen:
On which quick turning round his halter'd head,
The brewer's horse with face astonish'd neigh'd;
The brewer's dog too pour'd a note of thunder,
Rattled his chain, and wagg'd his tail for wonder.

Now did the King for other beers enquire, For Calvert's, Jordan's, Thrale's entireAnd after talking of these diff'rent beers,

Ask'd Whitbread if bis porter equall'd theirs?

This was a puzzling disagreeing question,
Grating like arsenic on his host's digestion;
A kind of question to the Man of Cask
That not ev'n Solomon himself would ask.

Now Majesty alive to knowledge, took
A very pretty memorandum book,
With gilded leaves of affes skin so white,
And in it legibly began to write---

### Memorandum.

A charming place beneath the grates.

For roafting chefnuts or potates.

#### Mem.

'Tis hops that give a bitterness to beer--Hops grow in Kent, says Whitbread, and elsewhere.

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### Quære.

Is there no cheaper stuff? where doth it dwell?---Would not horse aloes bitter it as well?

#### Mem.

To try it foon on our small beer --'Twill save us sev'ral pounds a year.

Mem. --- To remember to forget to ask

Old Whitbread to my house one day---

#### Mem-

Not to forget to take of beer the cask.

The brewer offered me, away.

Now having pencil'd his remarks so shrew'd--Sharp as the point indeed of a new pin,
His Majesty his watch most sagely view'd,
And then put up his asses skin.
To Whitbread now deign'd Majesty to say,
"Whitbread, are all your horses sond of bay?"

- "Yes, please your Majesty," in humble notes,
- The brewer answer'd --- " also, Sir, of oats.
- "Another thing my horses too maintains -
- "And that, an't please your Majesty, are grains."
- "Grains? grains?" faid MAJESTY, "to fill their crops?
- "Grains? grains?--that come from hops--yes hops, hops, hops."
- Here was the King like hounds fometimes, at fault ---
  - "SIRE," cry'd the humble brewer, "give me leave
  - "Your facred Majesty to undeceive,
- "Grains, SIRE, are never made from hops, but malt.
- "True," faid the cautious Monarch, with a fmile:
- "From malt, malt, malt --- I meant malt all the while."
- "Yes," with the sweetest bow, rejoin'd the brewer,
- "An't please your Majesty, you did I'm sure."
- "Yes," answer'd MAJESTY, with quick reply,
- "I did, I did, I did, I, I, I, I."

Reader, whene'er thou dost espy a nose

That bright with many a ruby glows;

That nose thou may'st pronounce, nay safely swear,

Was nurs'd on something better than small beer.

Thus when thou findest Kings in brewing, wise—
In Nat'ral Hist'ry holding losty station;
Thou may'st conclude with marv'ling eyes,
Such Kings have had a goodly education—

Now did the King admire the bell so fine,
That daily asks the draymen all to dine:
On which the bell rung out (how very proper!)
To show it was a bell, and had a clapper.

And now before their Sovereign's curious eye,

Parents and children, fine, fat, hopeful sprigs,

All snuffling, squinting, grunting in their sty,

Appear'd the brewer's tribe of handsome pigs:

On which th' observant Man who fills a Throne,

Declar'd the pigs were vastly like bis own.

Now did his MAJESTY fo gracious fay To Mr. Whitbread, in his flying way,

- "Whitbread, d'ye ye nick th' Exciseman now and then?
- "Hæ, Whitbread, when d'ye think to leave off trade?
- "Hæ? what? Miss Whitbread's still a maid, a maid? "What, what's the matter with the men?
- " D'ye hunt?---hæ hunt? No, no, you are too old--"You'll be Lord May'r---Lord May'r one day---
- "Yes, yes, I've heard fo---yes, yes, fo I'm told:
  "Don't don't the fine for Sheriff pay---
- "I'll prick you ev'ry year man, I declare:
- "Yes Whitbread---yes, yes---you shall be Lord May'r.
- "Whitbread, d'ye keep a coach or job one pray?

  "Job, job, that's cheapeft---yes that's best, that's best---
- "You put your liv'ries on your draymen---hæ?
  "Hæ, Whitbread?---You have feather'd well your nest.
- "What is the price now, hæ, of all your flock?
- "But, Whitbread, what's o'clock, pray what's o'clock?"

Now Whitbread inward faid, "May I be curst "If I know what to answer first."

Then search'd his brains with ruminating eye---But e'er the Man of Malt an answer found,

Quick on his heel, lo, Majesty turn'd round,

Skipp'd off, and baulk'd the pleasure of reply.

Kings in inquisitiveness should be strong--From curiosity doth wisdom flow:

For 'tis a maxim I've adopted long,

The more a man enquires, the more he'll know,

Reader, didst ever see a water-spout?

'Tis possible that thou wilt answer "No."

Well then! he makes a most infernal rout:

Sucks like an elephant the waves below

With huge proboscis reaching from the sky,

As if he meant to drink the ocean dry:

At length so full he can't hold one drop more--
He bursts---down rush the waters with a roar.

Thus have I feen a Monarch at reviews

Suck from the tribe of officers the news,

Then bear in triumph off each wond'rous matter,

And foufe it on the Queen with fuch a clatter!

I always would advise folks to ask questions--For truly, questions are the keys of knowledge:
Soldiers-- that forage for the MIND's digestions--Cut figures at th' OLD BAILEY, and at COLLEGE:
Make Chancellors, Chief Justices, and Judges,
Ev'n of the lowest green-bag drudges.

The Sages fay DAME Truth delights to dwell,
Strange mansion! in the bottom of a Well--Questions are then the windlass and the rope
That pull the grave OLD GENTLEWOMAN up.
Damn\* jokes then, and unmannerly suggestions,
Resecting upon Kings for asking Questions.

<sup>\*</sup> This alludes to the late Dr. Johnson's laugh on a Great Personage, for a laudable curiosity in the Queen's Library, some years since.

Now having well employ'd his royal lungs
On nails, hoops, staves, pumps, barrels and their bungs,
The King and Co. sat down to a collation,
Of slesh, and sish, and sowl of ev'ry nation.

Dire was the clang of plates, of knife and fork,
That merc'less fell like tomyhawks to work,
And fearless scalp'd the fowl, the fish, and cattle,
Whilst Whitbread, in the rear beheld the battle.

The conquiring Monarch stopping to take breath Amidst the regiments of death,

Now turn'd to Whitbread with complacence round, And merry thus address'd the Man of Beer---

- "Whitbread, is't true? is't true? I hear, I hear
  - "You're of an ancient family---renown'd---
- "What? what? I'm told that you're a limb
- " Of PYM, the famous fellow PYM:
- "What, Whitbread, is it true what people fay?
- "Son of a Round-head are you? hæ? hæ? hæ?

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- " I'm told that you fend Bibles to your votes--" A fnuffling round-headed fociety---
- "Pray'r books instead of cash to buy them coats--"Bunyans, and Practices of Piety:
- "Your Bedford votes would wish to change their fare;
- "Rather see cash---yes, yes-than books of pray'r.
- " Thirtieth of January don't you feed?
- "Yes, yes, you eat calf's head, you eat calf's head."

Now having wonders done on flesh, fowl, fish,

Whole hosts o'erturn'd---and seiz'd on all supplies,

The royal visitors express'd a wish

To turn to House of Buckingham their eyes.

But first the Monarch so polite,

Ask'd Mr. Whitbread if he'd be a Knight—

Unwilling in the list to be enroll'd,

Whitbread contemplated the Knights of Peg,

Then to his generous Sov'reign made a leg,

And said, "He was afraid he was too old.

"He thank'd however his most gracious King,

" For offering to make him fuch a THING."

But ah! a diff'rent reason 'twas I fear!

It was not age that bade the Man of Beer

The proffer'd honour of the Monarch shun:

The tale of Marg'ret's knife, and royal fright,

Had almost made him damn the name of Knight:

A tale that farrow'd such a world of sun.

He mock'd the pray'r\* too, by the King appointed, Ev'n by himself, the Lord's Anointed——A foe to fast too, is he let me tell ye, And, though a Presbyterian, cannot think Heav'n (quarrelling with meat and drink)

Joys in the grumble of a hungry belly!

\* For the miraculous escape from a poor innocent insane woman, who only held out a small knife in a piece of white paper, for her Sovereign to view.

Now from the table with Cæsarean air

Up rose the Monarch with his laurell'd brow,

When Mr. Whitbread, waiting on his chair,

Express'd much thanks, much joy, and made a bow.

Miss Whitbread now so thick her curtises drops,

Thick as her honour'd father's Kentish hops,

Which hoplike curtises were return'd by dips

That never hurt the royal knees and hips;

For hips and knees of Queens are facred things

That only bend on gala days

Before the best of Kings,

When Odes of Triumph sound his praise.

Now thro' a thund'ring peal of kind huzzas,

Proceeding some from hir'd and unhir'd jaws,

The raree-show thought proper to retire;

Whilst Mr. Whitbread and his daughter fair

Survey'd all Chiswell Street with lofty air,

For lo! they felt themselves some fix feet higher!

Such, Thomas, is the way to write!

Thus should'st thou Birth-day Song indite:

Then stick to earth, and leave the losty skie,

No more of ti tum tum, and ti tum ti.

Thus should an honest LAUREAT write of Kings—
Not praise them for imaginary things:

I own I cannot make my stubborn rhime
Call ev'ry King a character sublime;
For Conscience will not suffer me to wander
So very widely from the paths of Candour.

I know full well fome Kings\* are to be feen,

To whom my verse so bold would give the spleen,

Should that bold verse declare they wanted brains --
I won't say that they never brain possess'd --
They may have been with such a present bless'd,

And therefore sancy that some still remains:

\* Foreign Kings.

For ev'ry well-experienc'd furgeon knows

That men who with their legs have parted,

Swear that they've felt a pain in all their toes,

And often at the twinges flarted;

Then flared upon their oaken flumps, in vain!

Fancying the toes were all come back again.

If men then, who their absent toes have mourn'd,

Can fancy those same toes at times return'd;

So Kings, in matters of intelligences,

May fancy they have stumbled on their senses.

Yes, Tom---mine is the way of writing Ode--Why liftest thou thy pious eyes to God?
Strange disappointment in thy looks I read;
And now I hear thee in proud triumph cry,

- "Is this an action, PETER? this a deed
  "To raise a Monarch to the sky?
- "Tubs, porter, pumps, vats, all the Whitbread throng,
- " Rare things to figure in the Muse's song!"

For

Thomas,

Thomas, I here protest I want no quarrels

On Kings and Brewers, porter, pumps, and barrels—

Far from the dove-like Peter be such strife!

But this I tell thee, Thomas, for a fact,

Thy Cæsar never did an act

More wise, more glorious, in his life.

Now God preserve all wonder-hunting Kings,

Whether at Windsor, Buckingham or Kew-house,

And may they never do more soolish things

Than visiting Sam Whitbread and his brewhouse.

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